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U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey  
assumes command of MNSTC-I, NTM-I

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**Cover: U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey accepts the MNSTC-I colors from U.S. Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. during a Sept. 8 change of command ceremony. U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus now assumes command of Fort Leavenworth, Kan.**

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

# Bush: Victory will honor 9/11 victims

**By Donna Miles**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Winning the global war on terror is one way the United States can honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, U.S. President George Bush told families of public safety officers killed in the attacks.

Bush addressed the families at a Sept. 9 White House ceremony, during which he presented the Medal of Valor award to surviving families of the fallen firefighters, police officers and other public safety officers. Congress created the award in 2004 to honor public safety officers killed on Sept. 11, a White House official said.

The ceremony was among commemorations taking place this weekend in Washington and around the country observing the fourth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that left more than 3,000 Americans dead.

The president linked that tragic day with the ongoing war on terror, vowing that the United States will continue to "take the fight to the enemy" and won't give up until the fight is won. "We will succeed," he promised.

"On September the 11th, 2001, we saw the future the terrorists intended for us, and I made a decision," the president said. "America will not wait to be attacked again. We will take the fight to the enemy, and we will defend our freedom."

To the cheers of the family members, Bush said, "And since that day, we've

taken the fight to the enemy. We're hunting down the terrorists in mountains in Afghanistan, in tribal regions in Pakistan, in the deserts of Iraq and islands of Southeast Asia and the Horn of Africa."

As part of that effort, Bush said, the United States is continuing its effort to spread freedom around the world. "Free nations are peaceful nations," Bush said.

And although those killed on Sept. 11 didn't have the opportunity to see the results of that effort, Bush said future generations will. "We are laying the foundations of peace for our children and grandchildren," he said.

He echoed sentiments expressed by British Prime Minister Tony Blair following the terrorist attacks in London.

"We must not fight just the terrorists' methods, but also their views. Not just their barbaric acts, but also their barbaric ideas," he said. "In the long run, the only way to achieve lasting peace is to offer a hopeful alternative to the terrorist ideology of hatred and fear."

The president linked the challenges posed by war on terror and the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Katrina, and said the United States will overcome both.

"America is a strong and resilient nation," Bush said. "Our people have the spirit, the resources and the determination to overcome any challenge."

**"If liberty and equality, as is thought by some are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost."**

**— Aristotle (384 BC—322 BC)**



# A new era

## MNSTC-I command changes hands

**By U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell**

MNSTC-I Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – A year after steering the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division through an Iraq deployment, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey is back to guide the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq (MNSTC-I) in its efforts to train, equip and mentor the Iraqi Security Forces.

Dempsey took command of MNSTC-I and the NATO Training Mission (NTM-I) – Iraq from U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus in a Sept. 8 ceremony in the International Zone's newly-refurbished Cultural Arts Center. Petraeus is on his way to Kansas, where he will assume command

of Fort Leavenworth.

The ceremony's reviewing officers, U.S. Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of the Multi-National Force – Iraq, and U.S. Navy Adm. Harry G. Ulrich III, commander of the NATO Joint Forces Command – Naples, each praised Petraeus' contributions to the fight and welcomed Dempsey, describing him as a superb leader.

"A lot has been done, and there's a lot left to do," Casey said to Dempsey. "I'm confident (MNSTC-I) will continue to flourish under your leadership."

Casey also addressed the Iraqi leaders who attended the ceremony, including Minister of Defense Saadoun Al-Dulaimi; Minister of Interior Bayan Jabr; Deputy Prime Minister Ahmed Chalabi; and Iraqi Gen. Babiker, chief of staff for Iraq's armed forces. Casey said they can be proud of their security forces and that U.S. and Coalition allies remain committed to helping them achieve autonomy.

Petraeus will be remembered here for



Outgoing MNSTC-I Commander U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus hands off the command's colors to U.S. Army Gen. George Casey, who then handed it off to incoming Commander U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey (right) and David H. Petraeus observe a rehearsal of the ceremony.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

more than MNSTC-I and NTM-I's accomplishments, Casey said.

"Your legacy to the security forces of Iraq will not come in the number of buildings that have been built, or the distribution of air conditioning units or military pieces of equipment," said Casey. "It will come from the values you have personally bred and instilled."

Prior to the change of command ceremony, Casey awarded Petraeus the Defense Distinguished Service Medal for his leadership of MNSTC-I from June 4, 2004 to Sept. 5, 2005.

During that time, Petraeus executed a budget of more than \$11.1 billion and oversaw the largest military procurement and distribution effort since



U. S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey accepts the colors of the NATO Training Mission-Iraq from U.S. Navy Adm. Harry G. Ulrich III, commander of the NATO Joint Forces Command-Naples.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul Tuttle

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World War II during his command, according to his award citation. He is also credited with overseeing the training of more than 100,000 members of the Iraqi Security Forces and a strategy for the development of a future force of more than 344,000. During Petraeus' command, the Iraqi Security Forces received more than 172,000 AK-47 automatic rifles, 163,000 pistols, 8,000 heavy machine guns and 195,000 sets of body armor.

Petraeus said he could think of no greater honor as a soldier than to have served at the helm of both MNSTC-I and NTM-I, which together are comprised of troops from 21 different countries.

"There has been nothing easy about this, but our troopers and their Iraqi brothers are on a trajectory extending upward, despite all the enemy has done to derail it," Petraeus said. "There is much to be done, but there has also been enormous progress."

Petraeus thanked the Iraqi military and political leaders for their service and dedication.

"Even after I return home, my thoughts will be on Iraq," Petraeus



British Brig. Jeremy Robbins, deputy commander of MNSTC-I leads a joint color guard featuring soldiers from Iraq, Italy (the largest contingent in the NATO Training Mission-Iraq), Denmark and four U.S. military branches — the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps — during the Sept. 8 change of command ceremony.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

said. "Be assured my brothers, that Iraq and the Iraqi people will always be on my mind and in my heart."

Dempsey, who commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division in Iraq from 2003-2004, said he can't think of a more important mission than to be a part of building and nurturing the Iraqi Security Forces.

"There is no more important work

than to advance the cause of freedom," Dempsey said. "I believe in Iraq and the Iraqi people."

Dempsey pledged to continue building, despite the enemy's efforts to destroy, and to continue working to bring the Iraqi people together, despite the enemy's attempts to drive them apart.



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey greets guests in the lobby of the Cultural Arts Center following a change of command ceremony. Dempsey, former commander of the 1st Armored Division, now commands MNSTC-I and NTM-I.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

"I'm confident (MNSTC-I) will continue to flourish under your leadership." — U.S. Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. to U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

"We've been fortunate to have a visionary who has overcome any obstacle." — U.S. Navy Adm. Harry G. Ulrich III to U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell





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# U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey sees much progress

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**By U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell**

MNSTC-I Public Affairs

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Returning to Iraq a year after leading the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division through the first leg of the war, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey is encouraged by the progress he sees in the rebuilding of the Iraqi Security Forces.

Dempsey spent his first week or so in country visiting Iraqi units and bases to see first hand what they have accomplished, what they are continuing to do and what obstacles they face in pushing forward.

“It’s beyond description,” Dempsey said on the eve of a Sept. 8 change of command ceremony that installed him as commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq (MNSTC-I) and the NATO Training Mission – Iraq (NTM-I). “They are far better equipped, far better trained. There are a lot of challenges that remain to self-sustainment, though.”

Dempsey’s immediate focus will be on maintaining the momentum of generating forces but also on building the sys-



**U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, incoming MNSTC-I and NTM-I commander.**

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

tems that allow such forces to be self-sustaining – logistics, personnel, communications and transportation, for instance.

A change in command can create some apprehension, Dempsey recognizes. But for the time being, he said he doesn’t expect to make any radical shifts in the way the two organizations have operated.

“The more senior you become, the more you learn to just see what’s going on for awhile,” he said. “But change is healthy, it’s always good to have a new set of eyes and a new energy. If things are the same when I leave as they are when I came, that means I didn’t do my job.”

Dempsey feels honored to follow Petraeus, a respected West Point classmate and friend for more than 30 years. He is thoroughly impressed with the work that’s been done by MNSTC-I personnel, Dempsey said.

“In a lot of ways, it’s been unsung,” he said of their accomplishments. “But by its own nature, this command should be

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# U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus leaves with mixed emotions

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**By U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell**

MNSTC-I Public Affairs

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – For U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus, leaving Iraq is bitter-sweet.

He’s excited at the prospect of being with family again and being able to take his wife, Holly, out to dinner more than once a year. But he also finds it difficult to say good-bye to close friends and those he has soldiered with for the past 15 months.

“I feel like I’m leaving with our units and Iraqi leaders still in the fight,” Petraeus said, prior to the Sept. 8 change of command ceremony that put U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey in charge of the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq (MNSTC-I) and the NATO Training Mission – Iraq (NTM-I).

Petraeus takes comfort, though, in his belief that Dempsey is the right man to guide the two organizations to greater levels of success and that Iraq’s Security Forces are on a course for independence.



**U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus, outgoing MNSTC-I and NTM-I commander.**

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

When Petraeus returned to Iraq in June 2004 – he was here from February 2003 to March 2004 leading the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division – Iraqi military and police forces were at ground zero. There are now more than 110 Army and Police battalions in the fight and 10 division headquarters, manned with roughly 190,000 soldiers and officers, he noted. Increasing numbers of units are taking the lead in security missions, he added.

Support units are also being created, along with staff colleges and branch schools for fields such as military police, medical, intelligence and engineering. Petraeus is particularly proud of the development of the Iraqi Military Academy at Ar Rustimayah and the Iraqi Army Support and Services Institute in Taji. The Iraqis

are also creating their own versions of a center for lessons learned and a training and doctrine command.

“The achievements of the Iraqi Security Forces and the efforts to train, equip and rebuild have been enormous,” Petraeus said. “But there is clearly a great deal of work to be done.”

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in the shadows, with the Iraqis in the lead.”

Dempsey is buoyed by the support of his family. He's proud of the fact that he commissioned all three of his children – Christopher, Megan and Caitlin – into the officer corps. Megan left the service as a first lieutenant; Caitlin is a second lieutenant and Christopher, a captain.

His wife of 29 years, Deanie, reacted to the news of his return with sensible pride.

“She said she hated to admit it, but she would have picked me for the job, too,” Dempsey said, smiling.

In remarks during the change of command ceremony, Dempsey said he accepted this mission on behalf of the U.S., Coalition and Iraqi forces and civilians who have given their lives here.

“There is no more important work than advancing the cause of freedom,” he said.



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey answers questions from reporters after the ceremony.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

## Petraeus

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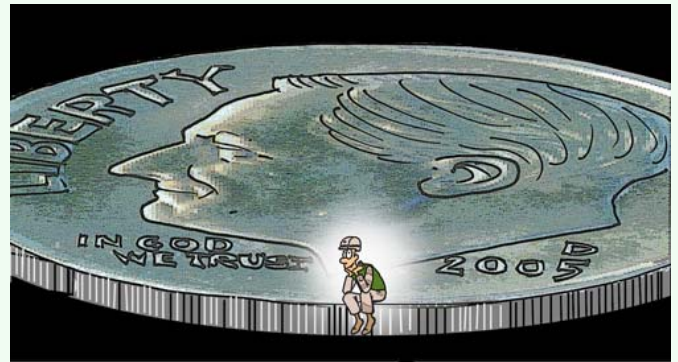
He doesn't doubt the work will get done under Dempsey's leadership. Petraeus and Dempsey, who commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division in Iraq in 2003, were classmates at West Point, earning commissions as second lieutenants in 1974. They also grew up in neighboring upstate New York communities; Dempsey was a basketball player, while Petraeus was into soccer. Despite Iraqi fervor for soccer, Petraeus said he didn't play during his time here. He did manage to stay in shape by running, he said.



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus greets a crowd of well-wishers following the change of command ceremony. Petraeus is heading to a command position at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

There are images that will remain, memories that fuel his optimism that in time, freedom and democracy will reign in Iraq, Petraeus said. Watching Iraqi units take the fight to the enemy



in Fallujah, purple ink-stained fingers on election day and walking down the once-notorious Haifa Street and into an Abu Gharaib marketplace with Iraqi military leaders are but a few. He'll never forget the sight of an Iraqi battalion commander reporting to an Iraqi division commander, rather than a Coalition commander, for the first time. Petraeus was also there when Iraq's prime minister visited the Iraqi Military Academy to visit with cadets.

He admits it was disheartening to see the police forces crumble in Mosul last year. But watching them regroup and restore security in the area renewed his confidence.

“Just seeing the to-and-fro of Iraqi democracy, the practice of freedom of speech, has been unforgettable,” Petraeus said. “The resilience of the people has been quite impressive, especially in Baghdad. They mourn their losses and move on to repair the damage and continue with their lives.”

Petraeus leaves with pride and gratitude for the contributions of U.S. and Coalition troops and civilians.

“I don't think our country or the Coalition can ever thank them enough,” Petraeus said. “They are sacrificing so much and doing the very best they can in an extraordinarily challenging environment.

“I can't imagine a greater honor than having served with them in Iraq.”



# Iraqi soldiers make donation for Katrina victims

**By U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul Tuttle**

MNSTC-I Public Affairs

TAJI, Iraq – Iraqi soldiers serving at Taji military base collected 1,000,000 Iraqi dinars for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Iraqi Col. Abbas, Iraqi base commander, presented the money to U.S. Col. Paul D. Linkenhoker, Taji Coalition base commander, at a Sept. 5 staff meeting.

“We are all brothers,” said Abbas. “When one suffers tragedy, we all suffer their pain.”

The amount of money is small in American dollars – roughly \$680 – but it represents a huge act of compassion from Iraqi soldiers to their American counterparts, said U.S. Army Maj. Michael Goyne.

“I was overwhelmed by the amount of their generosity,” Goyne said. “I was proud and happy to know Col. Abbas, his officers, NCOs and fellow soldiers. That amount represents a month’s salary for most of those soldiers.”

Abbas read a letter he wrote after giving the envelope to

Linkenhoker:

“I am Colonel Abbas; Taji Military Base Commander,” Abbas wrote. “On behalf of myself and all the People of Taji Military Base, I would like to console the American People and Government for getting this horrible disaster. So we would like to donate 1.000.000 Iraqi Dinars to help the government and the People also I would like to console all the ASTs who helped us rebuilding our country and our Army. We appreciate the American’s help and support. Thank you.” (sic)

In a reciprocal gesture, U.S. Soldiers attended a memorial service Sept. 5 for victims of the disastrous panic during a pilgrimage in Baghdad, which happened the same day Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S.

More than 1,000 people, mostly women and children, fell into the Tigris River or died on a bridge over the river when the crowd panicked after rumors that suicide bombers were in the procession.

Abbas spoke of the Iraqi victims as “martyrs” and donated one half of his paycheck to a fund earmarked for their families. A collection box for the fund was also filled with contributions from American soldiers.

# Iraqi military leaders thank MiTTs with medals

**By U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell**

MNSTC-I Public Affairs

FALLUJAH, Iraq – Leaders of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force thanked members of their Coalition Military Transition Team MiTT) for their service by presenting each team member with Iraq’s General Service Medal.

Iraqi Staff Brig. Gen. Abdullah, brigade commander, and his staff presented the medal to 40 U.S. Army Soldiers and three U.S. Navy corpsmen in an Aug. 24 ceremony at the brigade’s headquarters.

The medal, originally established for British soldiers serving with the Iraqi Army, was re-established in 1958 for foreign soldiers who serve Iraq’s Army. It is believed to be the first time the medal has been awarded to U.S. Soldiers, said MiTT senior leader U.S. Army Lt. Col. Malcom Burr.



Iraqi Staff Brig. Gen. Abdullah pinned U.S. Army Maj. John Bivona and the other 42 members of the 4th Brigade MiTT with Iraq’s General Service Medal.

Photo courtesy 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade MiTT

Abdullah and his staff sought approval from the Ministry of Defense to award the medals. The award citation

notes the MiTT’s “immeasurable support and assistance” to the brigade and its contributions in building the new Iraqi Army and establishing security and stability in Fallujah and other areas of Iraq.

“They caught us by complete surprise,” said Burr. “It showed us that they obviously care about our support and partnership and that they know how to work their chain of command.”

Burr and his team arrived in Iraq in November, spending their first two weeks at the Kirkush Military Training Base where the brigade’s first 700 soldiers had just completed basic training. They relocated to Fallujah, where the brigade went operational. At its peak, the brigade has boasted close to 3,000 soldiers, Burr said.

Since then, the brigade has con-

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ducted more than 100 convoys, moving more than 25,000 troops. Burr believes they were the first Iraqi brigade to start running unescorted convoys, operating with Nissan gun trucks and a single Humvee. He has nothing but praise for the brigade's leaders and soldiers.

"In my opinion, they don't get enough credit," Burr said. "In many ways, we have to thank them for what they did for us. There were plenty of times when we were relying on them for our security."

The brigade has plenty of young officers and noncommissioned officer who have a strong grasp of what they're doing, Burr said. Teaching them was, for the most part, easy.

"We may have had to teach the same thing over again a few times, but once they got it, they ran with it," he said.

The teaching went both ways, said Burr, who is on his way



Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Military Transition Team lunch with their Iraqi counterparts following an Aug. 24 award ceremony. Photo courtesy 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade MITT

back to the states with the rest of the team. He has a new appreciation for culture and the patriotism of the Iraqi soldiers.

"Their hearts are in owning Iraq," he said.

## Border Transition Team graduates trained border patrol leaders

**By U.S. Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kevin W. Reeves**

155th BCT Public Affairs

AN-NAJAF, Iraq - After five grueling days of intense military training, 22 non-commissioned officers and various other leaders of the Iraqi Border Patrol graduated from training conducted at Forward Operating Base Duke.

The class consisted of 23 students from the 5th Regiment, Department of Border Enforcement, and was conducted by U.S. Marines from the Border Transition Team (BTT), Multi-National Forces West - Iraq. Only 22 of the Border Patrol students were present for graduation, as one of the soldiers was injured during the rigorous training. He had completed all of the required training and his certificate was given to Iraqi Maj. Gen. Hussain, commander of the 5th Border Patrol Regiment.



Ali, top graduate of the "Train the Trainer" class conducted at Forward Operating Base Duke by U.S. Marines from the Border Transition Team (BTT), Multi-National Forces West-Iraq, accepts a distinguished graduate coin from U.S. Marine Corps 1st Sgt. Brent Cook.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Kevin W. Reeves

"Take what you have learned here and teach the others you work with," Hussain told the graduates. "There are no contracts between Saudi Arabia and Iraq to keep the insurgents from crossing the border. You are policemen, protecting our borders. You are very important men, carry yourselves high due to the position you are in."

Also present for the graduation ceremony was U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Albert Lagore, with the BTT.

"As I told you in the beginning, this is your training," Lagore said, addressing the graduates. "You have to take what you have learned here and train your soldiers to protect your country. You are leaders. The security of Iraq begins with you. Do not let your country down, but most of all do not let yourself down."

The course consisted of marksmanship training for rifle and pistol, leadership training, operating communication devices, and proper setup of an armory for operations.

"It was a train-the-trainer type of course," said U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jarvis Jackson, a BTT member. "These guys will be able to take what they learned here and teach the rest of their officers and subordinates how to do these things."

Jackson said students arrived for training with only five AK-47 rifles with magazines and no pistols. During the class, students fired more than 3,000 AK-47 rounds and nearly 4,000 9mm rounds.

After the students were called forward to receive their certificates, each was issued a new 9mm pistol and ammunition.



# Iraqi, U.S. forces bring medical aid to Abu Ghraib district

**By U.S. Army Pvt. Jason Jordan**  
10th Mountain Division Public Affairs

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Iraqi Army and U.S. Soldiers from Task Force Baghdad recently teamed up to bring medical care to residents of the Abu Ghraib district in west Baghdad.

Even as the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division prepares to take over operations from the 256th Brigade Combat Team, they hit the ground running with a humanitarian mission.

Led by the Iraqi Army, the mission provided food and medical aid to Iraqi citizens in the most impoverished area of Abu Ghraib. Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and brigade civil affairs, along with medical staff, handed out toys and school supplies to children.

The Iraqi Army, which set up the mission, helped with crowd control and provided security around the site.

"The purpose of a medical civil affairs mission is to see as many citizens as possible and provide them with the best care possible in the time we are

allotted for the mission," said U.S. Army Maj. Sean Doyle, squadron surgeon for the 1/11th ACR. "We provide them food, water and solutions for minor medical problems."

The site was chosen because of the large number of children and the overwhelming poverty in the area, said U.S. Army Capt. Seth Hall, officer in charge of the operation.

A normal mission like this sees about 150 to 300 people in a few hours. However, this particular mission saw many more, said U.S. Army 1st Lt. Aaron Ashoff, 1/11th ACR civil affairs officer.

"We saw and treated over 500 people today, making this mission a success in every sense of the word," said Ashoff. "To our knowledge, this is the largest number our brigade has seen to date."

The Soldiers set up a tent at a local school where they handed out food and water, while the U.S. medical team stayed busy with patients.

"Many of their problems are associated with heartburn, diarrhea, muscle pains and prenatal care," said U.S.

Army Capt. Shonnel Makakwa, 1/10th medical officer.

The Soldiers provided patients with vitamins, antacids, pain medications and antibiotics for parasitic worms. Pregnant women were provided with prenatal vitamins and all patients were instructed on how to take their medications.

Doyle said he feels good about being able to help people with problems he doesn't normally encounter in America.

"Letting the population know we care about them in this way is a pleasant contrast to the darker side of the conflict they are used to seeing," he said.

Overall, the mission was a huge success that provided much-needed aid to the poverty-stricken citizens and helped build relations at the humanitarian level, said Ashoff.

"You know, at the end of the day, that is what we are out there for," he said. "You would do anything for a child – anything to see them smile. If I can make a difference in one child's life, see one smile, then I consider this mission a success."

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everyone but EOD.**



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# Iraqi Security Forces / In Brief

## Suspected AIF detained

AL KARMAH – Troops from the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force and Coalition personnel detained three men Sept. 8 while conducting a dismounted patrol.

The men were stopped for suspicious activity. A search of their vehicle produced two propane tanks, a black ski mask and some electrical equipment. The suspects were taken into custody for further questioning.

## IIF captures suspects, ammo

AD DAWR – Elements of the 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force detained three suspected insurgents and assorted items of interest during a Sept. 8 reconnaissance operation near Ad Dawr.

Troops detained one man and confiscated about 100 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, 28 AK-47 magazines, a mortar tube sight, a U.S. desert camouflage uniform top and pieces of a mortar round.

The two other men were detained when they attempted to flee a traffic control point set up on site.

## Seven AIF collared in Ganus

GANUS – Iraqi Army personnel detained seven anti-Iraq forces (AIF) during cordon and search operations conducted Sept. 8.

Troops from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iraqi Army Division seized the insurgents despite coming under small arms and indirect fire. No injuries or damages were reported.

## IED found, cleared in Baqubah

BAQUBAH – An improvised explosive device (IED) was found and neutralized by Iraqi Security Forces Sept. 7, according to a Police Joint Command Center report.

The device consisted of a 155mm artillery round with a

timing device. Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal personnel cleared the IED.

## Iraqi police kill five insurgents

MOSUL – Iraqi police officers killed five insurgents after being fired upon Sept. 6 in the Haynoon area of Mosul.

A squad of police officers from the Moderyit Abetamime Police Station were attacked by gunmen in two vehicles and returned fire. Both insurgent vehicles exploded when shot and all five attackers were killed.

Police were able to recover four of the five bodies, which were later taken to the Mosul Hospital.

## Cordon and search nets landmine

KIRKUK – A cordon and search operation conducted by Domies Iraqi police and Coalition troops netted a landmine and other items of interest Sept. 6.

Police officers and troops coordinated the search based on a tip of possible explosives in a local house. Inside the home, officers found and confiscated one landmine, three pistols, a motorcycle battery, a trip flare and one U.S. Army desert camouflage uniform.

The resident of the home, a 65-year-old male, was taken into custody for further questioning.

## Car bomb found, cleared

BAGHDAD – Troops from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 9<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Army Division (Mechanized) and Coalition forces detected a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device during a cordon and search Sept. 6.

Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal personnel conducted a controlled detonation and neutralized the device. Four people were also detained in connection with the incident and are being held for further questioning.



The front side of the new 1,000 Iraqi Dinar, with Arabic inscriptions, illustrates a gold dinar coin. The coin was used in this region until superseded by more modern coins and currency notes.

The back of the 1,000 Iraqi Dinar with English writing shows the Al-Mustansirya University in Baghdad. The university was built in the mid-thirteenth century and was considered the most prominent institution of higher education in the Islamic world during the Middle Ages.

## Did you know?



The current exchange rates are as follows:

U.S. Dollar = 1,476 Iraqi Dinar [25,000 IQD = 16.93 U.S. Dollars]

European Euro = 1,802 Iraqi Dinar [25,000 IQD = 13.87 European Euros]

Sterling Pound = 2,616 Iraqi Dinar [25,000 IQD = 9.55 Sterling Pounds]

Japanese Yen = 13.26 Iraqi Dinar [25,000 IQD = 1,885.37 Yen]

- Information provided by Central Bank of Iraq web site



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## ISF detain five in joint search

DALI ABBAS – Iraqi Security Forces supported by Coalition troops conducted a joint search for known terrorists Sept. 5, detaining five suspects.

The operation also netted one 72mm projectile, two rolls of detonation cord, 12 blasting caps, one rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) launcher, two RPG rounds, two AK-47 rifles and nine 152mm rounds.

## IEDs found, cleared in Hit

HIT – Soldiers with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force, in conjunction with the 3/25 U.S. Marines, found and cleared two improvised explosive devices (IED) in Sept. 5.

Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal personnel responded to each incident, assessed the situations and destroyed each device in place.

The first IED was found in a road median about 50 meters from a traffic circle. The device was concealed in a white burlap sack and was composed of an artillery projectile, battery and detonation cord packed into a metal container.

Later that day an artillery projectile and a triggering component concealed in a white burlap sack was discovered in

a different location.

Local witnesses reported seeing a military-aged male dropping off the second device earlier that day. No trigger-man was identified in the area.

## Suspected gang member killed

BAGHDAD – A suspected gang member was killed and another captured when Iraqi police officers returned fire Sept. 4 during an attempted arrest.

Officers and investigators from the Al Bayaa Police Station were seeking to apprehend the suspects when the incident took place. One police officer sustained a non-life threatening gunshot wound by one of the suspects.

Later, a search of one of the suspect's residence turned up two rocket-propelled grenades and a light machine gun, both confiscated by police.

The injured suspect was treated and is being held for further questioning.

## Soldiers capture insurgents

HASSAN GHIAL – Soldiers of the 2-1 Iraqi Army Battalion and the 278<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team apprehended three suspected insurgent cell members from As Sadiyah Sept. 5 during a routine checkpoint. Improvised explosive device components, similar to those recently used to attack on Coalition forces, were recovered. (Task Force Liberty Public Affairs)

## Multiple raids net several targets

DAQUA – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Iraqi Army Division and Coalition forces conducted operations to capture terrorists suspected of detonating a bomb outside a bank in Kirkuk. Five terrorist suspects were detained Sept. 4 and several weapons were confiscated.

In Jalula, Iraqi Army and Coalition forces conducted an operation Sept. 4 to capture individuals responsible for planning, financing, and directing terrorist attacks, including IED and suicidal attacks. Three individuals responsible for the attacks were detained and numerous weapons were confiscated.

The joint forces conducted another raid to capture five men accused of killing Iraqi Army soldiers. The five targets were caught, along with several weapons.

In Al Amlah Sept. 4, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Iraqi Army Division conducted raids with Coalition forces to capture terrorist cell members responsible for IED attacks. Twenty-two suspects were detained and several weapons confiscated.

Raids by Iraqi Police officers and Coalition forces in Kirkuk Sept. 4 resulted in the detainment of 10 suspects believed to be connected to a group that conducts kidnappings, assassinations and IED attacks. Another Iraqi Police unit raid the same day brought a targeted suspect accused of multiple IED attacks against Iraqi and Coalition forces into custody. Operations there the next day netted two suspected terrorist and several weapons.

## Looking back

### One year ago in Iraq

Coalition troops and Iraqi Security Forces launched an operation Sept. 9, 2004 to oust "anti-Iraq" fighters who had flooded the northern Iraqi city of Tall Afar.

The U.S. military identified Tall Afar, 30 miles west of Mosul, as a suspected haven for terrorists crossing from Syria into Iraq.

The fighting left 45 people dead – 22 of whom were believed to have been gunmen, hospital officials said.

A Coalition military statement said American and Iraqi forces "are allowing ambulances to enter in and out of Tall Afar after being searched. This precaution is necessary because terrorists (there) have used ambulances to move about the city."

Six people were detained, all suspected of "anti-Iraq" activities, the military said. U.S. and Iraqi forces also confiscated various weapons and munitions.

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## Iraqi police graduate from courses

BAGHDAD – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 231 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility Sept. 8, as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces.

The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 47 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 23 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 22 graduates, Critical Incident Management with 21 graduates, Criminal Intelligence with 22 graduates, Election Security with 73 graduates, Mid-Level Management with 10 graduates and Executive Leadership Development with 13 graduates.

The Basic Criminal Investigation course, designed to introduce participants to basic concepts of criminal investigation, covers topics such as theft, burglary, arson, robbery, sexual offenses, and homicide investigation. Students receive classroom instruction and hands-on training in fingerprinting, photography, tool marks and plaster casting techniques. To date, 2,504 police officers have completed the Basic Criminal Investigations course.

The Interviews and Interrogations course covers advanced interview and interrogation techniques and includes instruction on the preservation and protection of human rights, and the importance of ethical behavior during interviews and interrogations. To date, 649 students have completed this course.

The Violent Crime Investigation course introduces participants to investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in violent crimes including armed robbery, rape and murder. This course has graduated 660 students to date.

Critical Incident Management is designed to provide participants with the understanding of and application skills for

managing critical incidents. This course has previously graduated 607 students.

The Criminal Intelligence course provides training in the planning, collection, analysis and distribution of intelligence information. This course also equips participants with the ability to recognize trends that may have an impact on public safety and security. This course has graduated 438 students to date.

The Election Security course covers the responsibilities of the police to ensure peaceful elections. Potential threats and areas of concern are examined from the standpoint of security and protection of candidates and the voting public during the election period. To date, 519 officers have completed the course. The course includes a train-the-trainers component to enable participants to serve as trainers in their respective police stations.

Mid-Level Management is a course designed for supervisors who are responsible for managing first line supervisors and their assigned personnel. To date, 422 students have previously graduated this course.

Executive Leadership covers executive level concepts of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, reporting and budgeting. Other topics include visionary leadership, organizational values, interpersonal communication skills, motivational techniques and strategies, along with strategic planning. To date, 372 officers have graduated from this course.

Officers who participated in these courses previously completed either an eight-week basic training course for new recruits or a three-week 'transitional integration program' course designed for prior-service officers. The police officers report back for continued duty at their respective stations immediately.

## Iraqi equipment roll-up

**A look at some of the equipment delivered  
to the Iraqi Security Forces in the past week**

**Ammunition.....1.5 million rounds**

**Body armor.....2,240**

**AK-47s.....480**

**Ashok Leyland trucks.....149**

**Computers.....225**

**Generators.....3**

**Ambulances.....28**

**Chevy LUV trucks.....124**

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